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Subject: Docket No. 2013-201-WS, Request For Information, USSC Expenses Submitted

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Ms. Florence P. Belser
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South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
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Re: SC Public Service Commission, Docket No. 2013-201-WS,
Application by Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc.,
For Water and Sewer Rate Increases

Dear Ms. Belser,

As a water and sewer services customer at 3006 Shandon Road, Rock Hill, SC, in York County, I am seeking information about the expenses filed by Utilities Services of SC (USSC) as their basis for requesting increased water and sewer rates from the Commission. Specifically, USSC has referred to two types of projects: (1) replacement of pressurized water storage tanks for the Shandon, Carowood, and Wintercrest water systems (all in York County); and (2) upgrades to each of the four wastewater systems in York County (Shandon, Foxwood, Carowood, and Country Oaks) to meet DHEC requirements. Unfortunately, I do not have any way of pinpointing an accurate timeframe for when this work was done in these subdivisions. I assume the expenses were submitted by invoices during the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2012 (which is the period under review in No. 2013-201-WS), as well as to the present time for any work in progress at the time of the USSC filing. A request has been made to DHEC of SC regarding information about the wastewater (sewer) requirements; construction permits for compliance and enforcement details concerning phosphorous levels; equipment and action necessary to bring the wastewater systems into compliance, etc. However, the data from DHEC will probably not show actual expenses through invoices. The information I am requesting is as follows:

1. All dated invoices or expense vouchers submitted by USSC showing the costs actually incurred to vendors or any subcontractors for equipment purchased, installation of new equipment, removal of old equipment, and the like with respect to replacement of any pressurized water storage tank at each of the following subdivision systems: Shandon, Carowood, and Wintercrest. Please provide any information showing the capacity of the new tank; the capacity of the old tank being replaced; the extent and nature of any damage necessitating the replacement; and the method of disposition and value of the old tanks (e.g., sold for scrap metal; removed for repair and later use or re-sale, etc.)

2. With respect to "upgrades" of wastewater treatment systems at each of the following subdivision systems: Shandon, Foxwood, Carowood, and Country Oaks (as to each separate system), all dated invoices, expense vouchers, statements, bills, or notices showing the following cost information:

(a) Any and all fines or penalties paid to DHEC of South Carolina as levied against USSC for failure to comply with DHEC standards and regulations concerning the four wastewater systems whatsoever, and particularly with regard to USSC's non-compliance with phosphorous levels set for each of the four systems involved. The information should show the date of any infraction, the wastewater system at which it occurred, the amount of the fine and/or penalty imposed, date and amount of payment to DHEC, and any written acknowledgment from DHEC that the system is now in compliance; and

(b) Invoices for any new or additional equipment required to be purchased to bring any or all of the four wastewater systems into compliance with DHEC phosphorous level requirements, including installation expenses (if any), and cost of chemicals or other additives necessary to maintain compliance as to each named wastewater system.

3. Again, in regards to each of the four wastewater systems: Shandon, Foxwood, Carowood, and/or Country Oaks, any invoice or bill or statement for waste material removal (sludge removal) charged to USSC by any vendor or subcontractor showing the date, the location (system), and cost for such waste material removal (if any).

While I understand that responding to my request for this information will take time, I am hopeful that it can be obtained in time for me to review and summarize the data, and prepare a formal Exhibit to be filed with the Public Service Commission before its final hearing of this matter on November 4, 2013. Please do not hesitate to call me at (803) 324-4570 to clarify or answer any questions you may have about this request. Thank you for your timely assistance with these questions.

Very truly yours,

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